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SUBJ: OFFICIAL REACTION TO KISSINGER SPEECH

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1. A FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE SPOKESMAN HAS DESCRIBED KISSINGER'S APRIL 23 SPEECH AS IMPORTANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE. IT WELCOMED PARTICULARLY THE CONCEPT OF A UNITED EUROPE WORKING COOPERATIVELY WITH THE US, AND ALSO THE RECOGNITION OF THE ROLES OF JAPAN AND CANADA. THIS REACTION WAS SPELLED OUT IN AN ARTICLE IN THE APRIL 25 "TIMES" BY ITS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT A. M. RENDEL, WHO SAID THERE WAS NO MISTAKING THE GENUINE AND WARM WELCOME GIVEN IN WHITEHALL TO THE SPEECH.

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2. THE "TIMES" ARTICLE SAYS: "ONE OF THE CONSTANT AIMS OF BRITISH POLICY SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR HAS BEEN TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND DEFENCE RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT PROPOSES, THEREFORE, TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH ITS PARTNERS PROBABLY FIRST WITHIN THE ENLARGED EUROPEAN COMMUNITY."

3. "THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT UNDERESTIMATE, HOWEVER, THE DIFFICULTIES OF ACHIEVING A POLITICAL WILL BY THE PARTNERS IN SO WIDE A FRAMEWORK IN ORDER TO GIVE THE ALLIANCE AN OVERRIDING SENSE OF DIRECTION."

4. "THE PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURE WILL, IT IS EMPHASIZED, BE SOMETHING LASTING WHICH WILL CONTINUE WELL BEYOND THE NEXT DECADE. THERE WILL BE A NEED, THEREFORE, FOR CONSTANT CONSULTATIONS."
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